

2012

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# Summer Camp Guide

Takoma Park  
Recreation Department



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



Gregory Clark, Recreation Director

Get out  
and  
PLAY!



Dear Friends of Recreation,

## Spring Break Camps and Summer Camps

Find the perfect camp for your child here!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories. The Camp Takoma program also offers sports, nature, arts and crafts, dance, music, swimming, creative time, cooperative games, and special activities. The camps are created to give each child a unique summer experience. Our Specialty Camps provide campers with activities in their favorite areas. There are several specialty programs for arts, sports, nature study, science, and digital arts.

Our Counselors In Training (CIT) Program is designed for our 14 -15-year-olds. It develops leadership skills and character, while providing an excellent opportunity for community service. Supported by an excellent group of counselors and program staff, campers are encouraged to try new things, meet new friends, and most importantly have fun!

Gregory Clark, Recreation Director

"BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH RECREATION"

CHECK OUT OUR  
SPECIALTY CAMPS!

WE WANT TO MAKE THIS A  
MEMORABLE SUMMER FOR  
YOU... SO JOIN THE FUN  
AND LET US KNOW  
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

- Dana JACKSON, SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR





# WELCOME



SUMMER  
TIME  
IN  
TAKOMA  
PARK



## Our Mission:

To strengthen our community through providing recreation programs, services (broadly defined) and facilities to city residents that emphasize a healthy lifestyle, physical well-being, personal development, citizen involvement, integration of differing cultural and economic communities, and fun.

# CAMPS

## Spring Break Camp - It's All Natural

**5 - 11 yrs.**

Come explore with us as we experience nature. Go on a nature scavenger hunt finding nature's little secrets. Find out why the sun is so important and why water is essential to all living creatures. Hiking, swimming at Rollingcrest Pool, crafts, a trip to the Botanical Gardens, and fun are in store. Children must bring lunch.

Azalea Room, Takoma Park Community Center

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 2 – 6, 2012

T.P. City Residents \$140

Non-Residents \$160



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### Before Care

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m – 9:00 a.m.

T.P. City Residents \$35

Non-Residents \$45

### After Care

Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

T.P. City Residents \$35

Non-Residents \$45

## Spring Break Camp for Teens

**13 - 16 yrs.**

This year we're making Spring Break a great opportunity to have fun and earn required SSL hours at the same time. We will be providing a variety of special programs to several non-profit organizations. Our community service projects will range from, helping out at volunteer government facilities to assisting local individuals in need. On a daily basis we will volunteer in the morning and enjoy a variety of field trips in the afternoon during the week. Space is limited, pre registration is required.

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 2-6, 2012 \$ Free



## Tremendous Trips Camp (June 13 - 15, 2012)

**6 - 12 yrs.** (in Grade 1 starting September 2012)

Start the summer off with cool relaxing trips and a bunch of fun. Explore a different adventure each day with rock climbing, ice skating, golfing, and swimming. Maximum 30, minimum 15.

Trip schedule is below:

June 13, 2012 Capitol Club House (Rock Climbing and Ice Skating)

June 14, 2012 Gaithersburg Golf/ water park (Golf and Swimming)

June 15, 2012 Volcano's Island (Splash Park)

8:30 a.m – 5:30 p.m.

T.P. City Residents

\$40/per trip

Non-Residents

\$50/per trip

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# CAMPS

## Rookie Sports Camp (Half Day)

**3 - 5 yrs.**

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Max 15, Min 8.

T.P. City Residents  
Non-Residents

\$80/per week  
\$90/per week

**Session 1**  
**Session 2**  
**Session 3**

June 25 – 29, 2012  
July 9 – 13, 2012  
July 30 – Aug 3, 2012

Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary)  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All specialty sports camps are instructed by Takoma Park Recreation Department staff.

## Super Sports Camp

**6 - 9 yrs.**

**10 - 12 yrs.**

Looking for a great way to keep your child active during the summer? Well...the Takoma Park Recreation Department has just that. Our qualified recreation staff eagerly awaits the arrival of your children for a week of fun, fun and more fun! In addition to some of our more traditional sports, our camp seeks to expose campers to new activities, develop recreational skills, and promote social growth. Camp will conclude with sport challenges and game competitions. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Max 12, Min 8.

Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary)

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Session 1** July 16 – 20, 2012 (6 - 9 yrs)

**Session 2** July 23 – 27, 2012 (10 - 12 yrs)

T.P. City Residents  
Non-Residents

\$160/per week  
\$180/per week



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## Dribble, Pass, & Shoot Basketball Camp

**6 - 12 yrs.**

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Don Bosco Athletic Director and former basketball coach Frank Simpson will lead this program that will enhance the skills of your child on the hardwood. Frank has 10+ years of coaching and teaching youth the finer points of basketball.

Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue

August 13 - 17, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$200/week



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# CAMPS

## Dance Camp

**6 - 12 yrs.**

Ballet, Tap and Creative Dance is geared to allow girls and boys the opportunity to enhance talents with skills and techniques taught during the session. Children will learn basic dance skills, rhythm, musicality and improvisation. Instructors will focus on building self-esteem and personal creativity; which will allow them to gain confidence in the craft of dance. Fun and excitement will be implemented into each routine. At the end of each session, campers will be given the opportunity to highlight and showcase what they have learned with a performance. Instructor: Alethea Price. Max 15/min 8 Dance Studio, Takoma Park Community Center

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### REVISED DATES as of 3/6/12:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

T.P. City Residents \$200/session

Session 1	July 9 - July 13, 2012
Session 2	July 30- August 3, 2012
Non-Residents	\$230/session

## Visual Art Camp

**11 - 14 yrs.**

Have fun and express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design! Each session includes a new art related theme and group of art processes and activities. Sharpen your drawing skills, explore new materials and exercise your imagination with inspiring art projects. Two hours of drawing in the morning using graphite, pen and ink, colored pencils, charcoal pencils, pastels, oil pastels or conte crayon, etc. followed by two + hours of painting and/or collage and assemblage in the afternoon. Media such as watercolor painting, sumi-e, mixed media painting, texture and found - object assemblage will be explored. Trips to the pool, art related movies, access to the game room during the day and outdoor art adventures are all included in what will certainly be a memorable summer experience. All materials included.

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Art Room, Takoma Park Community Center  
Session 1 June 25 - 29, 2012  
Session 2 July 9 - 13, 2012  
Session 3 July 16 - 20, 2012  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
T.P. City Residents \$285/session  
Non-Resident \$315/session

To register, please send check a completed  
Registration Form to:

**Katie Dell Kaufman, 214 Manor Circle,  
Takoma Park, MD. 20912**

Questions: please contact Katie at  
**KDKaufman@pobox.com**

## Video Producer Camp

**12 - 16 yrs.**

Campers will have the option to produce either a public service announcement (PSA) or a short promotional video from scratch. John Pitt will guide campers through each step of the process, teaching them how to implement professional production techniques along the way. Imagination and creativity will be encouraged as each participant works as a team to finalize the project. Every camper will have the opportunity to work behind and in front of the camera, direct a scene, co-write the script, edit video, create graphics, and record professional audio for video. In addition, the camp's final video will be broadcast on Takoma Park City TV. Instructor: John Pitt

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Multi Media Lab,  
Takoma Park Community Center

July 23 - July 27, 2012  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TP City Residents \$200  
Non-Residents \$230



# CAMPS

## Science Explorers Camp - CSI

**6 - 9 yrs.**

Do you want to be like the popular TV show CSI! Here is your chance to become a forensic scientist that actually analyzes the evidence to solve crimes. Join us as we take on the daily CSI challenges, with games, outdoor play, experiments, impression evidence, and finger printing. Max 10/min 6

Monday – Friday Lilac Room, Takoma Park Community Center  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Session 1:** July 9 – 13, 2012

**Session 2:** July 23 – 27, 2012

T.P. City Residents	\$160/per week
Non-Residents	\$180/per week

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## On Stage - Spotlight Camp

**6 - 9 yrs**

This camp focuses on acting, singing & dancing! Each day will begin with warm ups, such as physical, vocal, and imagination. The week will consist of creating & developing characters; improv; learning & rehearsing scenes; engaging in drama games; learning songs; blocking/choreographing musical numbers; getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology; and building props/costumes. We'll perform scenework and work on at least three musical numbers from a Broadway show. Camp will end with a performance so parents can see what we've been working on! Max 15/min 10. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel Doughty (MFA in Theatre 10+ years teaching experience). \$15 materials fee includes cds, lyrics & supplies.

July 23 – 27, 2012 Auditorium and Art Room, Takoma Park Community Center  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

TP City Residents	\$250
Non-Residents	\$280



Specialty  
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**Registration begins**  
**March 15, 2012**

## Teens On The Move (summer camp for Teens)

**13 - 16 yrs.**

Teens On The Move combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Daily emphasis will be placed on exercising through sports, nutrition and team building while having fun in a challenging but safe atmosphere.

Monday – Friday  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Week 1 July 9 – July 13, 2012

Week 2 July 16- July 20, 2012

Week 3 July 23 – July 27, 2012

T.P. City Residents	\$110/week
Non-Residents	\$120/week

Recreation camps can **CHALLENGE** teens  
to try **NEW THINGS**  
that go **beyond** their **COMFORT ZONES!**



# CAMPS

## Camp Takoma

**6 - 12 yrs.** (in Grade 1 starting September 2012)

Want your child to have the best summer ever? Let them join us for fun, education and physical enhancement all gained through daily exercise, group games, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, swimming and much more. Enrich your child's summer schedule with an exciting learning adventure led by our creative Recreation Staff.

Through arts experiences, each participant will have the opportunity to grow academically and socially while expressing themselves in fun and creative ways. Campers will also experience literary, musical, visual, games, theater, and sports in the beautiful setting of Camp Takoma.

*Note: All Parents will be given a weekly schedule specifying daily activities along with important information needed for field trips and activities.*



Week 1	June 18-22	<b>Tents Up (Indoor Camping)</b> - Do you enjoy camping? Well, come join Camp Takoma as we explore a week of indoor camping fun. Campers are encouraged to bring their favorite pop up tents, as they will be used throughout the week. Activities will include campfires, camp songs, and a marshmallow roasting. Participants will also be delighted by camp songs and stories.
Week 2	June 25-29	<b>Wonder World of Sports</b> - In Wonder World of Sports, campers will be introduced to the art of teamwork and sportsmanship as they compete in a variety of games derived from all over the world. Each day, games such as capture the flag, soccer, crab ball, basketball, kickball and hockey will be played. Camp will conclude with an old fashioned baseball game at Nationals Stadium.
Week 3	July 2 - 6 (No camp on July 4)	<b>Wild Wild West</b> - Yee Haw! This week campers will learn about the Old West through exciting, hands-on activities such as preparing trail mix and lassoing. Participants will attempt to re-create the western terrain using salt dough and explore some of the recreational activities of the early settlers. Campers will be able to use their imagination as they will be making shadow puppets, pretending to milk cows and panning for gold.
Week 4	July 9 - 13	<b>Blast From the Past</b> - Camp Takoma is traveling back in time as we visit the 70's. Activities will include 'old school' fun like sock hops, roller skating and playing records. Campers will play classic board games such as bobble, connect four and sorry. Camp will conclude with a 70's costume contest, so get your outfits ready and join us as we remember the past.
Week 5	July 16 - 20	<b>Super Hero Comic Book</b> - This week campers will tap into their creative minds as they will be designing comic books and discovering their own super powers. Participants will take a trip to the comic book store and visit the Takoma Park Library where they can watch the comic books come to life during interactive comic jam sessions. They will also be able to shop for their favorite superhero and take the superhero's challenge.
Week 6	July 23 - 27	<b>You're in the band "Rock Star"</b> —It's show time! Have you ever imagined being a performer? If so, this week will allow your dreams to come true. Each camper will be assigned to a Rock Star counselor and placed in a band that fits their skill level. Counselors will simplify the rock and roll hits and allow each child to learn some new songs and new dance moves. At the end of camp, participants will put on a show and invite parents to come in and judge the performances.
Week 7	July 30 - Aug. 3	<b>Flying Dutchman Pirate Ship</b> -Each day, campers will be able to live the life as a pirate through imaginative and creative role play. We will take a journey to 'Davey Jones Locker' to find his hidden treasure and learn old pirate songs. Participants will visit the Flying Dutchman's ship where they will have the chance to interact with real pirates and learn cool facts about the ship.
Week 8	August 6 - 10	<b>Wet &amp; Wild Safari</b> - Water, water everywhere! Campers will be introduced to the fun under the sea during a week filled with splashing good times. We will create water paintings, floating art and a magical sea monster. Participants will compete in several water races and events to include a wet sponge relay and a water balloon toss.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**Weekly camp rate:**

T.P. City Residents	\$120
Non-Residents	\$140

**\*Fourth of July week\* (Week 3)**

T.P. City Residents	\$100
Non-Residents	\$120



Takoma Soccer Camp (Boys and Girls)

www.takomasoccer.org

Grades: K - 5

Learn to be a better soccer player. Drills and small-sided scrimmages.

Where: Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road.

Chief instructor: Adrian Baez, veteran coach at Takoma Park Middle, Blair and Einstein

Partner  
Camp!



Spring Break Camp

April 2 - 6, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$75

Summer Camp

July 23 - 27, 2012

July 30 - Aug. 3, 2012

Mornings

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or

All Day

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$185/week

Register today at: www.takomasoccer.org

For questions please contact Howard Kohn E-mail: kohn@erols.com

Extended Care Options

June 18 - August 10, 2012

Extended care is available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. This service is available to those registered in Camp Takoma, all Specialty Camps, including Soccer and Sports Camps. Before Care and After Care are provided by the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Before Care 7:00 a.m - 9:00 a.m.

T.P. City Residents

\$35/week

Non-Residents

\$45/week

After Care 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

T.P. City Residents

\$35/week

Non-Residents

\$45/week

Takoma Sports Camps (Boys and Girls)

www.takomasportscamps.org

7\* - 14 yrs.

Join us for our 16th summer of baseball, basketball or softball. Each camp week focuses on a different sport, while helping each player improve skills, learn the rules of the game and most importantly have fun! Professional coaches and college and high school athletes will help develop player's skills in the mornings and each player will participate in a weeklong tournament in the afternoons.

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Contact: info@takomasportscamps.org

Partner  
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Baseball Camp

Boys and girls, ages 6 1/2 – 14

Session 1

June 18 - 22

Session 2

June 25 – 29

Basketball Camp

Boys and girls, ages 7–14

Session 1

July 2 - 6

Session 2

July 9 - 13

Softball Camp

Girls, ages 7 - 15

Session 1

July 16 - 20



Location: Takoma Park Middle School

Time: 9:00 a.m – 3:30 p.m.

(Extended care is available with Takoma Park Recreation Dept.)

Fees: \$220 per week

Financial assistance: Available based on need.



With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Reserve a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to Game Room, Teen Room, Gym, and Weight Room.

## Instructions for \*Online Registration\*

1. Access [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation) and click on the "Registration" link.
2. Click "Request account".
3. Fill out all necessary information, making sure to fill out all spaces marked with an asterisk.
4. Click "Submit" or enter other family members into system at this time.
5. Open your e-mail to find your approval letter. Click on link to be redirected to site to register.
6. Next click on "View activities". Use search criteria to locate the class you want to register for.
7. Choose the class you desire. Make sure you select the correct session (if applicable).
8. Review class information scroll down and click "Add to my cart".
9. Choose the participant who is registering for the class. Then click "Continue".
10. Double check you are registering for the right class and click "Continue" to checkout.
11. Choose your payment type, enter credit card number, the security code on back of card, select the expiration date, check the box indicating that you have read the 'Terms of Use' and click "Continue".
12. Print receipt for your records.

If you are having trouble registering, or if you have questions concerning classes, please call (301) 891-7290 or e-mail us at [recreationinfo@takomagov.org](mailto:recreationinfo@takomagov.org)

### You can still register via mail or walk in:

Takoma Park Recreation Department  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

### Make checks or money orders payable to:

- City of Takoma Park
- Please list 'program name' and 'participants name' on front of check

Get in the game  
and help us go green!

**Register online!**



## Wait List Policy

- \* In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

## Registration Policies

- \* The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- \* Classes will be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies, but refunds cannot be guaranteed.
- \* A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.8 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you.

## Refund Policy (Please read carefully)

- \* Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- \* Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received seven working days prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15.00 administrative fee will be deducted from the total refund.
- \* Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount which may be used for another program. Credits MUST be used by June 30. After that time the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- \* Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (No Exception). No refund after the program has ended.

## Late Policy

- \* The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department implements the following late pick-up policy for all program participants. A fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time for each participant up to 1 hour or for a total of \$40. Payment must be in cash at the time of pick-up and paid directly to the staff member assigned. One hour after the scheduled pick-up time, program staff will bring your child to the Takoma Park Police Department, where parent or guardian can pick-up their child.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Scholarship Program:

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.



## Scholarship Guidelines:

- Applicants must be City residents.
- Scholarships are for youth, teens, adults, and seniors. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
- If your child receives 'Free or Reduced Lunch', they are eligible for a scholarship.

## How to apply:

1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, administrative office, 7500 Maple Avenue.
2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application along with additional forms\* to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Avenue).
3. It may take up to ten (10) business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will receive a letter if you are awarded a scholarship. The remainder of the cost must be paid within a reasonable amount of time after being approved (Payment will be worked out with the Department's Administrative Assistant).

### \*Additional forms:

Please visit the Recreation Department, administrative office, to receive a scholarship packet.



*LEARN, GROW, AND HAVE FUN WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT !*



Registration Form

Please fill out a form for each person and complete ALL fields. All registrations are accepted first come first served. Make Check payable to *City of Takoma Park*.

1. Participant Information

Participant's First Name: Last Name:

Address: Apt. #

City/State/Zip: Gender: Birth Date:

Email address: Phone:

(circle one) Resident / Non-Resident (circle one) Ward 1 2 3 4 5 6 I would like to receive email alerts: Yes No

School: Grade:

Do you require any special accommodations to participate in this program/activity? O Yes O No

If yes, please explain:

2. Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian First Name: Last Name:

Home Phone: Work: Birth Date:

Email address:

(circle one) Resident / Non-Resident (circle one) Ward 1 2 3 4 5 6

3. Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name: Relationship: Number:

Name of program	Session (if applicable)	Day (s) of week	Time	Fee

Payment method: O Check O Cash O Money Order O Credit cards are accepted online and walk-in only.

No phone registrations. DO NOT MAIL CASH!

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PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I acknowledge, understand, and accept that there are inherent risks associated with participation in this program and that doing so could result in an injury. The City of Takoma Park assumes no liability for injuries or damages from the results of participation. I acknowledge the fact that the Takoma Park Recreation Department does not provide accident insurance to its program participants. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I /my child am / is physically fit and, should this condition change at any time during the program I will notify the administration of the Recreation Department immediately. The Recreation Department has my permission to call Emergency 911 and/or to send me /my child to a hospital or emergency care facility, and the hospital and medical staff have my authorization to provide emergency treatment deemed necessary for the well being of me/my child. I agree to abide by all posted, written, or verbally communicated rules and regulations administered by the Recreation staff concerning this program. I authorize the Recreation Department to take, display, and publish photographs, slides or videos for promotional and/or educational purposes. I have read, understood, and accept the terms of this participant's agreement as outlined.

Parent/Guardian (if under 18): Date:

Participant Signature (if over 18): Date:

Office use:

Date paid: Type of payment: Amount Date entered: Staff initial: